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Applicants: Rama Akella

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ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2001. In the Office Action, the Examiner required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 that Applicants elect a single disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In response, Applicants elect the species platelet derived growth factor (PDGF), which is reflected in Claim 23. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the remaining species of Claims 22-24 upon the allowance of a generic claim.

A petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted herewith. If an additional extension is necessary for this filing to be deemed timely filed, Applicants respectfully petitions therefor and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the applicable fee to Sulzer Medica's Deposit Account No. 09-0473.

11/26/01
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